

Notice of Amendment # 1

Invitation for Bid

IFB # 2020-02

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS



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THIS IS AMENDMENT ONE (1) TO THE INVITATION FOR BID.

Question #1:

What is the font that is to be used for embossed and printed license plates?

Answer:

The font to be used is Ariel.

Question #2:

Can a 1" X 1" square be printed in the lower and upper corners for the validation and county stickers instead of being debossed?

Answer:

Yes, a 1" X 1" square can be printed in the lower corner for all plates that require a month/year decal. The specialty plates will have the 2 county code printed in the upper right hand corner.

Question # 3

Are there specific PMS Colors for the embossed and printed characters?

Answer:

Yes. The PMS colors will be provided to the winning bidder

Question # 4:

Does the State of Mississippi own the dies currently being used for embossing that will be transferred to the winning bidder or would new dies need to be made?

Answer:

Mississippi does not own the dies currently being used. New dies will need to be made by the winning bidder.

Question # 5

Regarding Section 4.3 Business Longevity, can the State confirm that when it says "provided plates to another state in the US during that time..." it means "manufactured" plates for another state?

Answer:

That is correct.

Question # 6

Regarding Section 4.5 Performance Bond, would the State please confirm that the performance bond will be for the total bid price, and not 950,000 times the total bid price?

Answer:

The performance bond will be the amount for the 950,000 times the price per tag which should be the total bid price.

Question # 7

Regarding Section 4.8 Security Measures/Interruption of Supply, can the State please confirm that “sub-letting” means the same thing as “subcontracting”, and that it is not permitted?

Answer:

That is correct.

Question # 8

Regarding Section 5.8 Opening Procedures, we understand that no discussion or evaluation will take place at the bid opening, but would the State please confirm that the respective individual bidders’ names and total bid pricing will be revealed during the bid opening process?

Answer:

Yes. The DOR will reveal the bidder’s name as well as the bid price.

Question # 9

Regarding Section 5.16 Partial Bids Prohibited, can the State confirm that the manufacturer’s facility must be currently capable of producing 2,900,000 plates per year, which is the projected volume during a reissue year.

Answer:

That is correct.

Question # 10

Regarding Section 6.1 Procedures for Submitting Bid, can the State please confirm if a vendor submits a bid via the MAGIC system, is it acceptable to deliver the required plate samples on their own without a copy of the submission, or should a full submission be sent in hard copy with the samples?

Answer:

Bids will not be submitted via MAGIC for this procurement. Vendors are required to hand deliver or mail their bids along with samples by the date and time reflected in the Invitation for bid.

Question # 11

Regarding Appendix C – Patents and Royalties (pg. 60), can the State please confirm that the DOR will obtain authorization for use for all royalties and licenses from any/all respective parties prior to the DOR requesting that plates be manufactured by the vendor.

Answer:

That is correct.

Question # 12

Referring to the table below from Attachment C (pg.70), would the State please confirm that plates in Category 1 are to be manufactured using Prismatic (High Definition) Sheeting, and plates in Categories 2, 3, and 4 are to be manufactured using Enclosed Lens (Beaded) sheeting?

Categories:

1. MS Graphic Design Embossed Characters
Embossed Inserts, Debossed Rim
(Regular license plate) **Quantity 702,715**
2. MS Graphic Design MTC Size Printed Registration
number, Printed Misc Info, No Rim
(Motorcycle plate) **Quantity 11,055**
3. MS Graphic Design Special Design/Misc Other
Printed Registration # Printed Misc Info, Debossed Rim
(Specialty plates) **Quantity 133,030**
4. Misc Solid Color Background, Embossed Registration #,
Embossed Misc Info Embossed Rim
(Heavy Truck plates) **Quantity 3,200**

Answer:

If Prismatic sheeting is an option from winning bidder, then yes, Category 1 plates will use the Prismatic Sheeting.

Question # 13

Would the State please confirm that the successful vendor must currently have a full and separate backup and disaster recovery facility that is capable of producing Mississippi's regular annual volumes in addition to re-issue volumes?

Answer:

That is correct.

Question # 14

Would the State consider a follow up question set after the publication of the addenda to cover any questions that may arise from the amendments and/or answering of the initial round of questions?

Answer:

Per Section 2.0 "Procurement Time line" the deadline for questions was March 13, 2020.